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VIA AIRBORNE EXPRESS

Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423



**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 577X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. -
Abandonment in Wayne County, Indiana**

Dear Mr. Williams:

On or about December 14, 2001, CSXT requested an extension of the NITU negotiating period and consummation date in the above captioned matter. The deadline for trail negotiations was scheduled to end on December 31, 2001. CSXT requested that the negotiation period and consummation date be extended until June 30, 2002. I am enclosing a copy of the December 14, 2001 request for your convenience.

I have been unable to find a decision in this matter. I would very much appreciate it if someone from your office could provide an update on the status of this matter. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


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Enclosure

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December 14, 2001

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 577X)
CSX Transportation, Inc.
Abandonment Exemption in Wayne County, Indiana

Dear Mr. Williams:

This refers to the Board's decision served August 14, 2001 in the above-captioned proceeding. In that decision, the Board extended the consummation notice filing deadline and the NITU negotiating period until December 31, 2001.

Please be advised CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") is in active negotiations with the City of Richmond, Indiana for the use of the right of way involved in this proceeding for interim trail use. However, it is apparent that these negotiations will not be completed by December 31, 2001. Because it has taken longer than expected to conclude these negotiations, CSXT must request an extension of time for both consummation and trail negotiation purposes. As such, please allow CSXT an extension until June 30, 2002 to complete the trail negotiation process and consummate the abandonment.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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cc:

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